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Dear John,

It was very interesting and informative to read your letter.I think nowadays only a few people can recognize the reality on the field of AIDS and only some of them are not afraid to say what he is thinking about it.

It happened a year ago that one of the director of the CDC was in Budapest and made a lecture about the AIDS. Most of the people who was working on the field of AIDS /HIV/ screening, diagnosis and research were on this meeting. A lot of question was made by the Hungarian people among them my questions: What is your opinion about the role of so cold co factors in the spread of HIV infection? The second question was: Had the syphilis infection any role in the development of AIDS endemic in the USA?
The answer was categoric "no". No any co-factor in the HIV infection, and certainly the syphilis does not have any role in the spread of HIV in the USA.
The answer was á little too aggressive, so I had such a filing that this people are afraid to think about the role of CDC, because the CDC was suggesting the one shot technic for the treatment of syphilis in the USA. I think it is a very important factor determining the way of thinking of CDC people.
Do you remember for the lecture I made in Birmingham in 1989. connected with the mouse syphilis? Most of the mice which was challenged with Treponema pallidum died by different infection during two years. It would be interesting to study how the T-4:T-8 cells are in these animals. I think it would be a good animal model for the study of the role of untreated and not adequate treated syphilis. What is your opinion about it?
Thank you for the letter, your idea is excellent, congratulation.
What do you know about the STD congress in Canada?

With my best wishes.
Sincerely yours,

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